

STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

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DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes and the Clean Water Act. The Administrator is proposing to modify its General National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) DeMinimis Discharge permit: **NVG201000**.

This **NVG201000** permit is currently in place to authorize water discharges associated with various activities to Waters of the United States (U.S.) and was developed to approve a range of water discharges under one permit. The use of this permit has allowed NDEP to provide timely coverage for discharges, which when properly managed, will not adversely impact public health, water quality or the environment.

Proposed changes to this permit are in response to recently adopted water quality standards promulgated by the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP). Specifically, updates to the Molybdenum standard which was increased from 19.0 μ g/L (micro grams per liter) to 6,160 μ g/L (1-hour average), are being incorporated into NVG201000. This new standard was increased in response to newly established toxicity limits. All NVG201000 permit conditions apply.

On the basis of preliminary review of the requirements of the Nevada Revised Statutes, as amended and implementing regulations, and The Clean Water Act, the Administrator proposes to modify its General National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit NVG201000 for a five (5) year period, subject to the discharge limitations as described above.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance, or request a hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control, should submit their comments or request, in writing, within thirty (30) days of the date of newspaper publication, hand-delivered or postmarked no later than **5:00 P.M. on July 30**th, **2012**, either in person or by mail to:

Nevada Division of Environmental Protection Bureau of Water Pollution Control 901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001 Carson City, Nevada 89701-5249

The request must be filed within the comment period and must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reasons why a hearing is warranted. All comments or objections received within the thirty (30) day period will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public

hearing. A public notice of such hearing will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the hearing date.

If no hearing is held and the determinations of the Administrator are substantially changed from the tentative determinations, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determinations. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time.

The application, proposed permit, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by contacting Alexi Lanza, P.E. Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9468, or at alanza@ndep.nv.gov. The office facsimile number is (775) 687-4684. This notice and the Fact Sheet for this facility are also available on the NDEP website at www.ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm.

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons whom you know would be interested in this matter.